GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to recognise Urdu as a second language;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any proposal to create jobs for the Urdu knowing persons in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government also propose to set up any Urdu Board and Urdu college for distance education through Urdu medium in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (f): There is no proposal to make any revision in the three language formula, which is currently in force. The decision to grant the status of a second language to Urdu rests with the States and some of them like Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, etc. have accorded it that status. The Government of India has set up the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), New Delhi for the development and promotion of Urdu. The Central Government has also established the Maulana Azad National Urdu University at Hyderabad for imparting education (including distance education) through the medium of Urdu.